



Pevensey Bay Sailing Club

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COMMODORE'S COMMUNIQUE



Hi all, as I write this article the weather is pretty disgusting F38 recorded at the club this afternoon but I keep reminding myself that there is a plus side to the weather being so changeable, tomorrow is forecast to be a good sailing day!

Before I start on business I must welcome a new member to our club, baby Dylan Key was born 6lb 14oz a couple of weeks ago, congratulations to proud parents Matt and Nicky. Also thanks go to Ronnie Hall for providing the lovely pot plants on our balcony.

I would like to send **a big thanks to all those that helped with the open meeting** last weekend, from planning, preparation and delivery on and off the water it was a great success. The only negative was the weather which clearly stopped a lot of visitors from making the journey down to us, but the event did still make an income for the club. At our last AGM we talked of concerns that not all disciplines within the club truly integrate, however that was not the case with this event as we had members from Tuesday and Thursday evenings as well as weekends and we had members with decades of sailing alongside those with days. THANK YOU to everyone it was an amazing effort and we could have managed much larger numbers of competitors without any problem. Good practice for next year's Nationals!



As an executive we have started to think about who does what on next year's committee and question who will be committee members of future. What is the reason for this? It is quite simple, the club is run by volunteers and it is our responsibility to ensure that there are always people trained and ready within the club to step in and ensure that the club continues to function beyond our reign. Therefore **I would like to ask you all to think about what you could offer the club, whether it is immediately or some way in the future** and if you are interested in finding out more please let me know my email is at the bottom of this article. If we know someone is interested in a role in the future we can help them start to learn the ropes etc without them taking on a big job now. Can I just ask a big favour though, if anyone from committee, especially me talks to you about this, please **do not feel pressurised to say yes** to anything you're not happy with, or avoid us because you don't want to say no, we are merely enquiring so that we are prepared and do not have to push people when we become desperate. I have attached the club structure again so that people can see the diversity of roles available. Thank you.

If you change your duty by word of mouth with someone can I ask that the change is still recorded on **Dutyman** as this is the list that we check for running the club and it is only effective if up to date. A copy of the up to date duties list and link to Dutyman are also available on our website pbsc.eu.

On a very different note now, we have had the same **cleaners** at the club for some time now and have decided to put this work **out to tender** to ensure that we get best value for money; Terri has kindly put a cleaning schedule together to help with this process. If you know someone that may be interested in this work please ask them to contact me on my email below.

Thank you to everyone that has turned up to do their duties, this is much appreciated as the whole functioning of the club depends on this. If you cannot do your duty for any reason please ensure that you find a person to replace or swap with you. The reason for asking you to do it is that we have approx. 300 individual duties planned over the season which is a big task to do in itself but then to start making changes and fitting in to peoples individual calendars it becomes unmanageable, compared to an individual sorting out their own couple. We do subscribe to Dutyman to help you with this process, there are good easy to follow instructions once logged in, the email that reminds you about your duty will also give you the link for Dutyman. If after trying this you are still struggling then you can contact Paul Umney who may be able to help.

ELAINE FOWLER

COMMODORE

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Please help us get a team of sailors together for the federation race on 23rd June at Hastings, if you are interested but cannot get your boat there please let us know and we may be able to help! Be part of **Team PBSC**.

Youth Weekend 29th and 30th June

Please remember that if you think you will be joining in with this fun weekend and have not got your own boat, you will need to **pre-book a club Topper**. Do this by emailing Elaine: commodore@pbsc.eu Further details in flyer at the end of this Aquila.

Baby Dylan Key with a jelly baby for scale! Too young for the Youth Weekend this year. Dylan means "Son of the Sea".



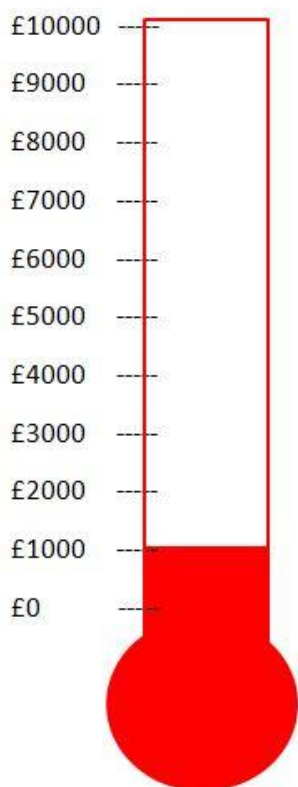
Job Vacancy (from early September) Aquila editor and electronic distributor

Job description:

- Send email once a month to chase committee for contributions
- Edit and Format contributions into an A4 newsletter
- Convert to a PDF
- Email Aquila to PBSC members and to our postal distributor

I am moving north to the Lakes after the August edition – please contact me or Elaine if you would like to know more.
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LASER GRAND PRIX
at our Club Sunday 30th June
Please come along and compete for **Team PBSC**
Entrance £10
Barbecue and activities Saturday Night



FUNDRAISING

This year has necessitated considerable expenditure on a replacement Rib and on essential works on the clubhouse. As a result our reserve funds have been heavily depleted.

With this in mind we have launched a fundraising drive with the aim of raising £10,000. We aim to do this by seeking a mix of donations from those who feel able by use of the gift aid form (see website) and a number of fund raising social events.

We also have a treasure map for fundraising on the Cadet notice board at the club: people can buy a square for 50p, when complete we will draw at random a winning square which will win £20.

The thermometer will chart our ongoing progress, currently £1020. We are very grateful for your support in whatever manner you are able.

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Sticking to Membership - Thanks to all those that have now affixed their transom stickers. There are still a few in the box though!

There are lots of dinghies still without stickers in the boat park and if you know who owns the craft next to you, and it hasn't got a sticker on, please can you let me know?

Please give a warm welcome to our **new members this month**:

Saul Heath, Rachael Armitage and Arthur Heath who join with their Mirror "Old Red"

Reginald Middleton with a Topaz

Matt, Clare, Tilly and Toby Harrison also with a Topaz

Mark Overington

Ian Carter

Richard Sear, Nicola Gillbanks with Danielle, Samantha, Kiera and Harry
and tiny, weeny, gorgeous little Dylan Key

Obviously all of our new members are very lovely but baby Dylan is very special - congratulations to new Mum Nicky and Daddy Matt Key.

JUDY GRIFFITHS

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

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(best between 6pm and 9pm)

SAILING SCHOOL

I have been away from the club recently on holiday, so have to admit I'm not fully conversant yet on the training last month and with the Contender/N12 Open last weekend, training has taken a back seat. Roger, Stuart and Dave Boniface have held the reigns though for Saturdays and Tuesday evening sessions, thanks Guys ☺

PBSC has lost its VOLVO Champion Club Status.... but for all the right reasons, VOLVO has refined their marketing strategy to promote the high profile sailing aspects of our hobby, and consequently the RYA have stepped up to fill the void with a new category. So **I am pleased to advise that PBSC is now a RYA Champion Club**, I cannot remember the numbers, but I think at the time of print we are one of around 200 clubs in the UK that hold the title. So good news. This means that we are currently being supported by the RYA, not just in our sailing training, but looking into the future with our training, club development and grant applications. Still early days as to what exactly this means for us, but very encouraging, so who knows what lies ahead for us. You will notice that our website branding has changed, and in time the plaque at the entrance to the club will be changed.

Don't forget that on **29th June we have coaching for the Cadets with an RYA coach on site, in preparation for the Topper/Laser Open on the Sunday (30th)**. Probably not apt for the Seals, but Sharks and Dolphins would be very welcome and are encouraged to attend.



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SAILING SECRETARY'S SCRIPT

On 8-9 June we held the Contender and National 12 Opens. The Weather was not as kind as it could have been with a forecast of NE 17-26 knots and a big shore break! Saturday saw racing postponed until after lunch and then cancelled as there was no sign of the break getting any better. On Sunday it was decided to go for a 11:00 start to avoid the high tide. Some of the competitors decided not to go afloat while the rest braved the shore dump and managed to sail 3 races.

I would like to thank everyone who helped out at the weekend on the beach in safety boats and on the committee boat as well as in the club for doing such a great job. It was great to see the newest to some of the oldest members all working together to make the sailing possible. We received several comments from competitors congratulating the club on the way the event was handled in light of some tricky conditions. This weekend we had the first of the summer series races on Sunday.

On Sunday 23 June is the Federation cup at Hastings Sailing club. For those that do not know this is a competition between all the local sailing clubs from Hastings to Seaford. The format is there are three fleets: fast (py 1000 and less), medium (py 1100-1000) and slow (1100 and more). Each club gets as many entries for each class as possible and the results from the fleets are then combined to determine the winner. So in theory the more boats each club enters the better their chances. So if you would like to sail at Hastings for the day, please come and join in and support the club. It is a fun event.

The following weekend, **29-30 June, there is Topper training on Saturday run by an RYA Coach. On the Sunday there is the annual Topper and Laser Open.** Again if you are not aiming to take part in these events your help is always appreciated on the beach or on the water helping out. Other than generating income for the club these events help publicise the club in the wider sailing community, and are a great way of getting to know other club members. They are also great fun! So if you can Help out please do. I hope to see you all on the water soon!!

CHRIS CLARKE

SAILING SECRETARY

THE SOCIAL SIDE

Well it looks as if summer may be here!

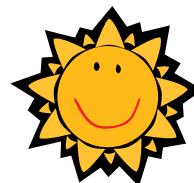
Many thanks to the caterers and club members who helped on the social side of the Contenders/National 12 weekend. The curry was a resounding success, for those of you who missed it –try not to next time. We have the Topper/Laser weekend at the end of the month, 29th/30th June, **the meal deal** is a great way to ensure you will have good quality food and plenty of it at a decent price, please do take advantage, for the weekend it covers **Saturday breakfast, afternoon tea (sandwiches, cake and scone) and an evening meal, and Sunday a breakfast and afternoon tea.** You don't have to be sailing to take advantage of it!

The caterers, Val and her team, are very keen to ensure that members are happy with the food being supplied so do please give them or myself any feedback. We have worked to tweak the standard menu, namely making the breakfast a little bit larger with better produce (sausages – you know who you are!) the price will be reflected by this, but will still be very good value. Also, remember that the **Galley would be delighted if you could pre-order before going on the water**, this will ensure that the meal of your choice is available.

Don't forget to keep the **20th July** free, the social/bar committee are planning a real family afternoon and evening, we will be advertising it round the club, on facebook and on the website as soon as details are finalised, so please support us on the day.

KAREN HILDER
SOCIAL SEC

VICE'S VERBALS



Summer is supposed to be upon us! ... maybe I have missed it? ... The longest day is just around the corner and then well let's not mention the winter!

The Open was well supported considering the weather, from both the competitors and the club members. May I thank those who contributed on and off the water. We can not do these events without the support of you, the club members. These events take a lot of organising and a big commitment; they are an important part of the club for promoting our facilities, bringing on the members' experience in sailing and race organisation and of course they are an income stream to keep our membership fees low. So again a thank you for all of those who helped to make the event a success. Remember members that we have the laser and topper event at the end of the month.

We are a weather dependent sport, and whilst we have not yet experienced the summer, I have enjoyed getting my feet wet thus far this year, I hope you have too. Saturday mornings are always well attended, Tuesdays I hear are going well, Thursdays are very popular and well supported and Sundays are getting more competitive every week that passes. All in all I think we can reach around your shoulder and give yourselves a pat on the back.

My favourite bit this year so far has been the buzz and friendship generated on the Thursday evenings, Saturday impromptu BBQ's, and open events; just like sea week thank you for making my weekends! See you on the water soon.

Your spicy vicey
GARY PEARSON
VICE-COMMODORE

OLIVIER GREBER HAS BEEN FLYING THE FLAG FOR PBSC AROUND EUROPE

Here are his reports:

THE YOUTH NATIONALS 2013

The Youth National championships were held in Largs. To get to this event held on the West coast of Scotland it was an extensive drive; and when we arrived the weather proceeded to be exceptionally cold to an extent that snow had settled on the surrounding area. The scenery such as the mountains in Largs was spectacular. As the week progressed the weather began to warm up which made the experience more enjoyable; however despite the increase in temperature the wind chill was still high, due to the surrounding mountains which were topped with snow. The racing went well for me and my sailing partner James. We managed to put together a consistent series, despite the wind being challenging, as shifty offshore wind were dominant. It was rewarding to see our training and routines had paid off after all the work we had put into them. At the end of the week we were ecstatic to have won the under 19 Spitfire Youth National Championships and were delighted to be selected for the ISAFS youth worlds as part of RYA Volvo Team GBR. The event was well run and the support staffs were brilliant and the local residents of Largs were friendly and welcoming. I would like to thank everyone who supported us through the winter and especially my dad for driving me the long journey up to Scotland. For me now the hard work starts for transitioning into the SL16 for the ISAFS and Open Worlds.

FRENCH YOUTH NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

The French National Championship was held in Lac D'Hourtin- Carcans. The lake we sailed in was the biggest in France and the surrounding scenery was exquisite. We stayed in beautiful apartment on the beach. The French Youth National Championship was the first event in the SL16 season. It was a protest regatta and our primary goals were to focus on: starting, our boat speed and to see where gains were to be made. After sailing the SL the previous summer our transition to the Spitfire felt natural and our feel for the boat improved day by day. Every day we had a local effect were the wind would come in at lunch time, up to fifteen to eighteen knots; however on the last day were the wind was light and shifty. We continually improved throughout our participation in the regatta, and managed to place second overall. We were proud of this placing as it was our first event of the year.

EUROCAT IN CARNAC

The Eurocat regatta in Carnac was a coached event. We joined in with the Belgium sailing team who were very friendly. This link was a useful pre-event warm-up as we could gauge where our speed was at. The first day entailed our long distance race, the conditions were tricky to sail in as the wind was inconsistent, and raged from zero to fifteen knots. This made racing very difficult, yet we still managed to achieve a respectable result. On day two the short course racing began (real racing); however the wind was very light and the race committee struggled in running the race. Despite this we still managed to get one race in, which was very light and shifty. We enjoyed and felt confident in these conditions. Day three was called off due to the condition being unsalable and safety concerns were flagged up. On day four which was our last day, the forecast was windy but just sailable! We went out as breeze was increasing, the course was downwind so we required us to put the spinnaker up, and unfortunately we were caught out by a gust which caused us to pitch pole aggressively. This caused all of our battens to snap. Regrettably we did not have time to go into change them so we had to continue racing. This was frustrating for us as we had no boat speed. The race committee were very keen to get as many races in as possible due to lack of race throughout the week; this meant four races were held. On the fifth race the breeze continued to increase up to twenty five plus knots, at this point most boats capsized at the point of bearing away at the windward mark. Eventually the race committee decided on abandoning the race as the conditions were unsaleable. Overall we managed to place third out of thirty eight SL16's, which we were delighted with this result and felt confident in our progress in going forward to The Worlds. We also felt up to speed with our international competition. I would like to thank James' father Nick, for an extensive drive there and back to this event and also for organising fantastic accommodation for our stay in Carnac.

PBSC SUMMER CAMP 2013

This year's sailing camp at **Chichester Harbour** is due to run **from Saturday 27 July until Sunday 4 August**. It has been a regular part of the sailing programme for many years and is one of our biggest sailing events in terms of participation and time on the water.

Chichester Harbour is a fabulous setting and provides the perfect venue for a week of sailing as a group visiting the various creeks, villages and sailing clubs round in the area. The campsite is in the grounds of Cobnor House close to the waters edge with toilets and showers nearby.

Unfortunately this year some of the regular organisers are not around to help and there has been some doubt as to whether the camp will continue. However there is still a lot of interest from club members in attending and the club committee have been keen for the event to continue but in a simpler format to reduce the organisation required.

The main changes are:-

- 1) This years camp will be self catering and those attending will have to bring their own cooking facilities or cater in small groups.
- 2) The club will be charging a contribution towards wear and tear on club boats and so there will be a two tier pricing structure covering those
 - i) With their own boats (that must be capable of keeping up with the main fleet)
 - ii) Those without their own boats

Activity	Per Day
Adult Camping/Sailing Club Boat	£13.00
Child Camping/Sailing Club Boat	£10.00
Adult Camping/ Sailing Own Boat	£9.00
Child Camping/ Sailing own Boat	£7.50
Adult Sailing only	£8.00
Child Sailing only	£7.50
Adult Camping only	£5.00
Child Camping only	£2.50
All prices subject to confirmation of current charges from the Cobnor Estate	

Other features of camp such as the use of Kellie, the camp fire and the marquee will still be there.

Space will be limited by the boat capacity so please let me know as soon as possible at rogerjhumphries1@aol.com if you wish to attend.



Youth Camp and Topper South East Traveller

Saturday 29th & Sunday 30th June

We ask that cadets arrive at the club for a 10am start, if you need a club boat, please can you book it in advance as numbers are limited. If you have your own boat we ask that you use this. The day will be made up of 2 sessions, morning and afternoon and each session will involve coaching before going afloat, practice on the water and debrief after. The activities will be broken up into ability groups to ensure everyone's needs are met, if you are uncertain if you are ready for this please speak to an instructor for guidance.

On Sunday we have the Topper Traveller for you to join in with and practice everything you learnt the previous day. This is the ideal opportunity for cadets that have not raced before to give it a go!

Parents: This is the perfect weekend to camp over, a meal deal ticket will be available (although you can buy food separately) and there is a barbecue and activities in the evening. (*A little like rehearsing for SeaWeek*)

ENTRANCE TO TRAINING ON SATURDAY £10

ENTRANCE TO RACING ON SUNDAY £10

**Expression of interest/Pre-register/Book a Boat
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